

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe to be put thereon and mounted thereto; the connector having a tube connection portion on one axial side thereof and being provided with sealing member in an inner peripheral surface thereof; the pipe being provided with an annular engagement projection and an annular verification projection on an outer peripheral surface thereof, and being relatively inserted into an opening on an axial end of the connector so as to allow an inserting end thereof to be located beyond the sealing member and the annular engagement projection to be snap-engaged with the connector; and the annular verification projection being formed so as to be located in or near an opposite axial end of the connector, or on an opposite axial side of an opposite axial end of the connector; comprising:

a clip body including a connector receiving recess of U-shape in cross-section and formed with a radially inwardly directed extending portion on one axial end thereof, the connector receiving recess having an opening and being formed to receive a large diameter portion on an opposite axial side of the connector therein,

a connection verifying portion provided on an opposite axial side of the clip body, and including a pipe receiving recess of U-shape in cross-section with width equal to or generally equal to an outer diameter of a body of the pipe, the pipe receiving recess having an opening and being formed to receive an opposite axial side of the annular verification projection with respect to the pipe therein,

reinforcement rib formed integrally on an outer peripheral surface of the connection verifying portion to increase widening resistance of the pipe receiving recess,

the radially inwardly directed extending portion and the connection verifying portion being arranged so as to hold a portion from one axial end of the large diameter

portion to the annular verification projection of the pipe from axially opposite ends thereof, and

the clip body and the connection verifying portion being integrally connected with one another via a connection part at an opposite position of the openings of the connector receiving recess and pipe receiving recess.

2. (Currently Amended) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 1 wherein an axial length of the connection verifying portion is ~~designed~~ longer than an axial length between the annular engagement projection and the annular verification projection of the pipe.

3. (Currently Amended) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 1 wherein the connection verifying portion includes a verifying body formed with the reinforcement rib and a snap-fit portion formed on an opposite axial side of the verifying body to be snap-fitted with the pipe, and

the verifying body and the snap-fit portion are integrally connected via a joint part at an opposite position of the openings of the connector receiving recess and pipe receiving recess.

4. (Original) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 3 wherein the verifying body is formed of an axial length so as to allow the inserting end of the pipe to retract to an axial position generally identical to an opposite axial end of the sealing member or on an opposite axial side of the opposite axial end thereof when the annular verification projection is located between the verifying body and the snap-fit portion.

5. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 1 wherein the clip body includes a first arcuate wall

portion and a pair of first side-wall portions which are connected integrally to the first arcuate wall portion on widthwise opposite ends thereof, the connection verifying portion includes a second arcuate wall portion and a pair of second side-wall portions which are connected integrally to the second arcuate wall portion at widthwise opposite ends thereof, the connection part is formed so as to bridge between the first arcuate wall portion of the clip body and the second arcuate wall portion of the connection verifying portion, and the first side-wall portions and the second side-wall portions are separated from each other.

6. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 5 wherein the connection part is connected to the second arcuate wall portion of the connection verifying portion via the reinforcement rib which is formed on one axial end portion of the connection verifying portion.

7. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 5 wherein the second arcuate wall portion is arranged concentric with the first arcuate wall portion.

8. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 5 wherein the reinforcement rib is formed along an entire circumference of an outer surface of the connection verifying portion so as to extend from an opening end of one of the second side-wall portions, via the second arcuate wall portion to an opening end of the other of the second side-wall portions.

9. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 8 wherein a plurality of the reinforcement ribs are arranged in axially spaced relation to each other.

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10. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 9 wherein the reinforcement ribs adjacent each other are integrally joined by a joint portion formed integrally on an outer surface of the connection verifying portion at an opposite position of the opening.
11. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 5 wherein the connection verifying portion includes the verifying body having the second arcuate wall portion and the pair of the second side-wall portions which are connected integrally to the second arcuate wall portion at widthwise opposite ends thereof and a snap-fit portion formed on an opposite axial side of the verifying body to be snap-fitted with the pipe, the snap-fit portion includes an arcuate portion and a pair of side portions which are integrally connected to the arcuate portion at widthwise opposite ends thereof, and a joint part is formed so as to bridge between the second arcuate wall portion of the verifying body and the arcuate portion of the snap-fit portion, and the second side-wall portions and the side portions are separated from each other.
12. (New) The connector clip for verifying complete connection between a connector and a pipe as set forth in claim 11 wherein the arcuate portion is arranged concentric with the second arcuate wall portion.